

STATE OF ALABAMA  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
STATE LANDS DIVISION  
INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR TIMBER SALE  
ON CERTAIN STATE LANDS IN  
BULLOCK COUNTY, ALABAMA

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that sealed bids for the purchase and removal of timber will be received by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources until 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read in the office of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources, 468 Folsom Administrative Building, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-1901.

The timber made the subject of this notice is located on a portion of the following described lands:

Bullock County, Alabama, Township 12 North, Range 26 East; Section 6, portions of the south half of the south east quarter, Section 7, portions of the north east quarter & Section 8, portions of the west half of the south west quarter of the north east quarter and the north west quarter of the south west quarter, containing 206 acres more or less to be cut.

**VOLUMES:** The estimated timber volumes are as follows:

Pine Sawtimber	3,942 TONS
Pine Pulpwood	1,005 TONS
Hardwood Sawtimber	418 TONS
Hardwood Pulpwood	4,225 TONS

**Volumes are not guaranteed and all bidders should satisfy themselves as to the accuracy of estimated quantity.**

**TIMBER:** The timber to be sold is all trees within the sale area not marked with blue paint. The external boundaries of the sale area are marked by orange paint. State Lands Division recommends a site visit.

**TERMS OF SALE:** Bids submitted must state the total amount of the cash bid for a 12-month contract. Each bid submitted must be accompanied by a CERTIFIED or CASHIERS check representing a bid deposit in the amount of \$10,000.00. Bids submitted without such check will not be considered. Certain landowner assistance is required in addition to the payment of the bid price.

All bids submitted should be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope "BULLOCK COUNTY WEHLE TRACT TIMBER BID, NOT TO BE OPENED UNTIL 2:00 P.M., TUESDAY, JANUARY 13TH, 2009."

Unsuccessful bidder's deposits will be returned promptly. The successful bidder's deposit will be applied toward the purchase price, the balance of which must be paid at the time of execution of the timber sale agreement.

**LANDOWNER ASSISTANCE:** The successful bidder will be obligated to perform the following work in a good and workmanlike manner in accordance with the latest technologies and within the guidelines of Alabama BMP's:

1. At the completion of the harvesting operation contractor shall reopen an existing eight-foot wide firebreak along all tract boundaries. This shall include removal of tops and other debris resulting from the harvest operation and/or removal of existing vegetation to make it accessible for use as a firebreak.
2. At the completion of the harvesting operation contractor will be responsible for an aerial herbicide application of 140 +/- acres south of transmission line. Contractor shall contact the State Lands Division for approval before work shall take place and shall allow for one growing season to pass before the aerial application. Herbicide prescription consists of 16 ounces Arsenal AC or generic equivalent, 4 quarts Razor Pro or generic equivalent, .75 ounces Escort XP or generic equivalent @10 gallons water per acre.
3. No earlier than six weeks after the completion of the aerial application, contractor will burn the entire harvested tract only after contractor has contacted the State Lands Division for approval before work occurs.
4. Contractor shall obtain State Lands Division approval before the implementing of planting of containerized longleaf pines on the tracts. The 140 +/- acres south of transmission line shall be planted on a nine foot by twelve foot (9' x 12') spacing (403 stems per acre) in such a manner as to insure the establishment of 80% stems per acre free to grow at the end of the first growing season. The 65 +/- acre area north of transmission line shall be planted on a twelve by fifteen (12' x 15') spacing (242 stems per acre) in such a manner as to insure the establishment of 80% stems per acre free to grow at the end of the first growing season. If this threshold is not met at the end of the first growing season, contractor must take appropriate action to ensure that the threshold is met at the end of the subsequent growing seasons. All aspects of timber management contained in this invitation to bid must be completed on or before October 15th, 2013.

**CONTRACT TERMS:** Any sale shall be on the terms of the standard Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Timber Sale Agreement, and shall include the following:

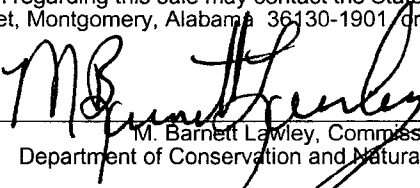
1. The contractor must make provisions for access to the property.
2. The contractor will be required to post security for performance in the amount of \$50,000. The required security may be in the form of a certified check, an irrevocable letter of credit with a bank approved by the State Lands Division, or a surety bond with a company authorized to do business within the State of Alabama.
3. The contractor shall have 12 months from the date of contract execution in which to cut and remove the timber. At the time of contract execution, contractor shall have an option of payment of an additional ten percent (10%) of the bid price to extend the contract for an additional six-month period in which to cut and remove timber. If exercised, the option payment is due at the time of contract execution.
4. The successful bidder (if any) shall be required to pay the cost (approximately \$500.00) of advertising this invitation for bids.

The successful bidder must execute and return the contract to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources within ten days following the date of receipt; otherwise, the award may be deemed to have been withdrawn and the deposit forfeited to the State.

All laws of the State of Alabama concerning the sale of timber from state properties shall govern this sale whether or not included in this notice. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, age, gender, national origin or disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or activities. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, age, gender, national origin or disability in its hiring or employment practices.

The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Persons desiring to inspect the timber or further information regarding this sale may contact the State Lands Division, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, 64 North Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-1901 or by telephone at (334) 242-3484.

  
M. Barnett Lawley, Commissioner  
Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

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